

SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION FOR SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS

1. The Service listed on M93004-09-SU-00035 is available from only one source and competition is precluded for reasons indicated below. There are no substitutes available.
2. This acquisition is restricted to the following source:

Manufacturer: Department of General Services, State of Virginia
Manufacturer POC and Phone Number: Linda Game (804) 786-0644
Manufacturer Address: 202 Ninth Street; Fiscal Services; Richmond, Virginia 23219

3. Description of the Water Analysis Sampling required, the estimated cost, and required delivery date.

The proposed contract allows for testing of potable drinking water on Quantico Marine Corps Base. This testing is mandated by the State of Virginia. Services will be provided by the state laboratory, the Virginia Department of General Services. A five year (Base plus four option years) is planned.

4. Specific characteristics of the Water Analysis Sampling that limit the availability to a sole source e.g., unique features, function of the item, etc. Describe in detail why only this suggested source can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources.

It is in the best interest of the government to procure this service from the Virginia Department of General Services. FAR.302-5 exempts procurements required by statute from competition. Testing of public drinking water on Quantico Marine Corps Base is required by the Virginia Department of Health. The state of Virginia mandates the tests and also has its own laboratory to provide the testing, the Virginia Department of General Services (DGS).

Because the Department of General Services oversees and enforces the regulations, they are able to provide superior service compared to other labs. They will take responsibility for any required tests that might be missed. Quantico will not be held responsible. This would not be the case with a private lab. They will file test results directly with the state. Other labs report to the Base, which then must file reports to the state. This direct filing eliminates any potential problems with late submissions.

The Department of General Services will not compete with private laboratories for business because they have the responsibility of certifying all laboratories in Virginia that provide water testing. All laboratories must be certified by the state. It would be a conflict of interest for them to bid against other labs.


Market research found that DGS's prices are lower than other labs. DGS does not charge to pick up water samples, which all other labs do.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that statements checked and information provided above are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the processing of this Sole-Source Justification precludes the use of full and open competition.

(Signature) _____ Date _____

Printed Name, Title [Project Officer] _____

(Signature)  _____ Date 04/15/09

Printed Name, Title [Contracting Officer] Amy Lopez _____